



# **3rd Annual Kinship Expression Writing Contest**

**Tell us what living with a grandparent, aunt,  
uncle or other relative has meant to you!**

## **What the contest is**

EXPRESSION! is a contest for Washington State youth who are being raised now or in the past by a relative other than their parents. The contest recognizes youth in kinship care, and honors the more than 35,000 relatives in Washington State who are raising them. All entries will be published.

## **What you do**

Write a poem, short essay, or draw a picture (5-7 year olds only) that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life.

## **What the rules are**

- All participating youth must live in Washington State and be between the ages of 5 -19.
- Drawings and writings must be submitted on the attached entry form.
- Poems must be 21 lines or less.
- Essays must be 200 words or less.
- If you are drawing a picture, please add a few words that explain your drawing.
- Entry must be original, in English, and unpublished.

## **Contest judging**

- Entries will be judged in three age categories:

### **Age Categories**

**5 – 7 year-olds can enter original poems, essays, or drawings.**

**8 – 12 year-olds can enter original poems or essays.**

**13 – 19 year-olds can enter original poems or essays.**

- All decisions of the judges are final.
- Winners will be notified in early May.
- We reserve the right of first publication and use of story and story excerpts.

## **Contest prizes**

The first 200 entries will receive special gifts. The top two entries in each age division will receive \$100 from Twin County Credit Union and more!

All entries may be published in a 2006 book called "Voices of Children".

If you have questions, please call Shelly Willis at 1-877-813-2828 or e-mail her at OlympiaParentEd@aol.com.

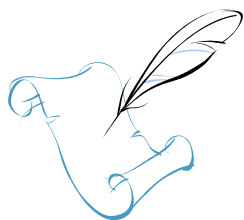
## **Enter Now!**

All entries must be submitted or  
postmarked by

**April 23, 2006.**



**Family Education  
and  
Support Services**



# **3rd Annual Kinship Expression Writing Contest Entry Form**

Write a poem (21 lines or less) or a short essay (200 words or less), or a draw a picture (5-7 year olds only) that describes how living with a relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, or uncle) has made a positive difference in your life. If you draw a picture, add a few words and describe your drawing. Add additional pages if needed.

**Print your full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) **WA** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

**Phone #:** ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Privacy note: Winning entries will be published with the child's first name, age and city. No other personal information will be posted. The information above is for awards committee members to contact you and will not be shared with any third parties.

**If you have questions, call toll free 1-877-813-2828.**

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April 23, 2006**

**Send your entry to:**

**Mail your entries to:** Kinship Contest  
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Olympia, WA 98502  
**E-mail to:** Olympiaparented@aol.com